

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate of)	
)	SUSPENSION
Darrell A. Tingle)	
)	
Certificate 197577)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 14, 2006. On October 27, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Darrell A. Tingle a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate 197577 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. Upon receipt of that letter, Mr. Tingle initially requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to accept the suspension of his certificate for a one-year period that would commence retroactively on January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to order the suspension of Mr. Tingle's certificate for the agreed upon period, subject to the conditions specified in this Order.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Tingle holds a South Carolina certificate with over four years of teaching experience. During the 2005-06 school year, Mr. Tingle was employed as a drama teacher at Greenwood High School in Greenwood County School District Fifty. On September 16, 2005, Mr. Tingle resigned from the District after testing positive for and admitting to casual use of marijuana.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that the information presented supports its determination that just cause exists to suspend Mr. Tingle's certificate 197577, commencing retroactively on January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. If Mr. Tingle wishes to have his certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, he must provide the Department's Office of General Counsel with verification from a licensed health care provider that he has completed a drug abuse treatment program, or its equivalent, and he must submit a current drug screen report clear of unlawful substances.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

June 14, 2006

I, Darrell A. Tingle, S.C. Educator Certificate 17577 do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval on June 14, 2006.

/S/ Darrell Tingle

Darrell A. Tingle

6/1/06

Date